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TO AMEMBASSY BONN
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E O 11652: NA
TAGS: PINS GW
SUBJ: TERRORISM: EXPLOSIVE DEVICE DISCOVERED OUTSIDE EL-AL
TRAVEL OFFICE

REF: USBERLIN 0163

1. AT 0107 HOURS ON MARCH 30 AN ATTACHE CASE CONTAINING FIVE POUNDS OF EXPLOSIVE, BATTERY AND TIMER WAS FOUND BY A CLEANING WOMAN OUTSIDE THE DOOR TO THE ISRAELI EL-AL TRAVEL AGENCY IN A DOWNTOWN OFFICE BUILDING. ACCORDING TO THE POLICE, THE DEVICE HAD NOT DETONATED AT THE TIME (UNSPECIFIED) FOR WHICH IT WAS SET.

2. LATER THE SAME DAY A LETTER WAS HAND-DELIVERED BY AN UNIDENTIFIED PERSON TO THE DEUTSCHE PRESS AGENTUR OFFICE, CLAIMING RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ATTEMPTED BOMBING BY THE "ANTI-IMPERIALISTIC FIGHTERS FOR A FREE PALESTINE." THE LETTER SAID THE ATTEMPT WAS PROMPTED BY ISRAELI ACTIONS IN SOUTHERN LEBANON, RESUMPTION OF NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE "ZIONISTS AND...ARAB REACTIONARIES", AND "ALSO BY THE US-IMPERIALISTIC STRATEGY TO ENFORCE ITS INTERESTS AND
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EXTERMINATE THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE AS WELL AS ALL
REVOLUTIONARY ARAB FORCES."

3. COMMENT: THE NAME OF THE ORGANIZATION CLAIMING CREDIT IS THE SAME AS THE GROUP WHICH SUBSEQUENTLY CLAIMED CREDIT FOR THE JANUARY 19 BOMB ATTACK ON THE EGYPTIAN TRAVEL AGENCY (REFTEL). WHILE WE KNOW OF NO

PLANS TO TARGET US INSTALLATIONS, WE NOTE THE GENERAL
REFERENCE IN THE LETTER TO "US-IMPERIALISTIC STRATEGY"
AS ONE OF THE REASONS FOR THE EL-AL TRAVEL OFFICE
ATTEMPTED BOMBING.GEORGE

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Message Attributes

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